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## **Marc Correra Pleads No Contest To Tax Evasion Charge & Pays Nearly \$329,000 In Back Taxes, Interest and Penalties**

SANTA FE – First Judicial District Attorney Angela “Spence” Pacheco and State Taxation and Revenue Secretary Demesia Padilla announced today that Marc Correra pleaded no contest to one count of tax evasion and paid nearly \$329,000 in back taxes, interest and penalties.

Correra, 50, a former New Mexico resident, failed to pay his personal income taxes for the year of 2009 in the amount of nearly \$268,000. On Monday, he entered into an agreement with the First Judicial District Attorney’s Office and pleaded no contest to one count of tax evasion before State District Judge T. Glenn Ellington.

As part of the plea agreement, Correra paid the State back taxes, interest and penalties and was placed on three months unsupervised probation. Once Correra successfully completes his probation, he will be conditionally discharged, according to the plea agreement.

“This was a complicated case that took nearly three years to put together with the help of District Attorney Spence Pacheco and her staff,” said Secretary Padilla. “This should send a strong message that we will pursue anyone who does not pay their fair share of taxes owed to the State.”

The Department’s investigation into this case began after an anonymous tip was called into the Tax Fraud Hotline.

“The First Judicial District Attorney’s Office has a good working relationship with the Tax Fraud Investigation Division of the Taxation and Revenue Department. Together we have been working on this case for almost three years. We were finally able come to a favorable resolution. This case illustrates that *everyone* has a responsibility to pay their income taxes,” said Regina Ryanczak, Deputy District Attorney for the First Judicial District Attorney’s Office.

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